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SUBJECT: ST. VINCENT REQUEST FOR HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT

1. SEVERAL WEEKS AGO ST. VINCENT PREMIER CATO TELEPHONED
AMBASSADOR SPENCER KING SAYING THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO OBTAIN
FOR ST. VINCENT'S HEALTH SERVICES SOME OF THE HOSPITAL
EQUIPMENT BEING GIVEN UP BY FREEDMEN'S HOSPITAL IN
WASHINGTON, AND ASKING FOR AMBASSADOR KING'S HELP.

2. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO RESPOND TO PREMIER CATO'S
INQUIRY FOR AMBASSADOR KING, DRAWING FROM FOLLOWING.

A) FREEDMEN'S HOSPITAL IS MOVING TO NEW QUARTERS IN APRIL
AND WILL BE REPLACING MUCH OF ITS HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT.
HOSPITAL IS RECEIVING REQUESTS FOR THIS EQUIPMENT (OFFICE
AND HOSPITAL ROOM ITEMS, AS WELL AS MEDICAL EQUIPMENT)
FROM A NUMBER OF INSTITUTIONS.

B) IF CATO WISHES TO OBTAIN HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT, GOSV
SHOULD WRITE TO FREEDMEN'S OUTLINING NATURE OF ST. VINCENT
END USER AND ITS NEEDS AND REQUESTING SPECIFIC TYPES OF
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EQUIPMENT. LETTER SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO DR. ANGELLA

FERGUSON, DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS AND FACILITIES, HOWARD
UNIVERSITY, 6TH AND BRYANT STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON,
D. C. 20060. URGENT DISPATCH OF THAT LETTER IS
ADVISABLE.

C) REGRET THAT USG IS UNABLE TO FUND PACKING AND SHIPPING
OF EQUIPMENT SHOULD FREEDMEN'S RESPOND FAVORABLY TO ST.
VINCENT REQUEST. GOSV MAY HAVE RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR
THIS OR IT MAY WANT TO EXAMINE POSSIBILITY OF ASSISTANCE
FROM VOLUNTARY AGENCY OR OTHER CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION
OPERATING IN ST. VINCENT COVERING THESE EXPENSES.
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